THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Reservation in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1968. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the decision of the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan arrived on 12th January, 1992, providing for 10% reservation in recruitment rules for the post of LDCs for group D employees posted in KVS has not been implemented; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in its meeting held on 12.01.1992 inter-alia revised the recruitment rules for the posts of Lower Division Clerks which provide for filling up 10% posts of Lower Division Clerks by promotion from Group 'D'. Instructions have been issued to all its Regional Offices for compliance of these orders.

Formulation of New National Education Policy

1969. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are keen to set-up a Commission shortly to formulate a new National Education Policy to facilitate the concept of 'one country, one nation'; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 and its programme of Action (POA) were up-dated and placed before the Parliament in 1992. As of now, the emphasis would be on toning up implementation and stepping up resources for education so that there is a better linkage between education and the world of work and improvement of access, retention and quality at all stages of education throughout the country.

Darjeeling Himalayan Railways

1970. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any definite planning to improve functioning and operation of Darjeeling Himalayan Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Action to improve the condition of the *infrastructure/assets* by way of replacement of steam locos and coaches has been initiated which would lead to improvement in the functioning and operation of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.

विभिन्न देशों के साथ सांस्कृतिक समझौते

1971. **श्री अनन्तराव देवसकर दवे:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार ने आज की स्थिति के अनुसार किन-किन देशों के साथ सांस्कृतिक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किये हैं;

(ख) समझौते के मुख्य प्रावधान और उसकी अवधि क्या-क्या है; और